



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1171
Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
Reauthorization Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
on March 25, 2009*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1171 would extend the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) through 2014 and would create a similar grant program targeted at female veterans and veterans with children. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$224 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1171 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1171 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 700 (veterans benefits and services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010- 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program						
Authorization Level	50	50	50	50	50	250
Estimated Outlays	4	34	49	50	50	187
HVRP for Women and Veterans with Children						
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	1	7	9	10	10	37
Total Changes						
Authorization Level	60	60	60	60	60	300
Estimated Outlays	5	41	58	60	60	224

Note: HVRP = Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)

Section 2 would extend the HVRP through 2014 and would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million per year for the program over the 2010-2014 period. HVRP provides grants to agencies and organizations that provide job placement, training, and vocational counseling to homeless veterans. Under current law, the authorization for this program will expire at the end of fiscal year 2009. Approximately \$26 million was appropriated in 2009 for this program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, and that spending would continue to follow historical patterns, CBO estimates that this provision would cost \$187 million over the 2010-2014 period.

HVRP for Women and Veterans with Children

Section 3 would create a grant program similar to HVRP specifically targeted at female veterans and veterans with children. In addition to job placement, training, and vocational counseling, funding could also be used for child care services. Section 3 would authorize \$10 million each year from 2010 through 2014 for the new program. Assuming outlays follow the historical spending patterns of HVRP, and that the authorized amounts are appropriated, CBO estimates that this provision would cost \$37 million over the 2010-2014 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1171 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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